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FLETCHER—WATSON—TELEPHONE

The Burlington Free Press prints a letter signed, "A Franklin Progressive Republican," in which the writer takes occasion to praise Gov. Fletcher's work on the telephone situation and suggests his re-election in 1914. He says:

"I predict before Gov. Fletcher gets done he will have the facts and also force the New England company to connect with independent lines the same as railroads, as was tried in the legislature, and possibly get other things also. He does not appear to be giving away his case in advance though."

"Anyway, the telephone company may try to drag this struggle along until Fletcher retires, and try to get a governor who will be neutral."

"If they do, they will give us one more reason why we cannot afford to let Fletcher leave the office at the end of one term. He is the most progressive governor we could hope to get, and some who might want to do what he is doing might not know how, even if they had the backbone to do it. He appears to fear no interest no matter how big."

"I hope he may be renominated and re-elected governor in 1914, though I don't see why he would want it and I doubt if he would accept. I would like to see the mountain rule smashed and many of my neighbors feel the same way."

"However this may be I don't think anybody will scare the Governor from the work he has begun, and it will be a great triumph for Vermont if he is able to finish it before he leaves the governor's chair."

Another letter also from the Free Press and signed, "Telephone User, St. Albans," says:

"I would like to inquire if this Mr. Watson, who has just been removed from the public service commission, is not the same Watson who was clerk of the Franklin County Telephone company, a short time ago. I would also like to know whether this is not one of the Vermont companies which the New England Telephone company has under another name. If so, has Mr. Watson held stock in the Franklin County Telephone company, and if so, when did he sell it?"

Next week the fair!

One man was heard to remark that the present Vermont public service commission should be termed, "Fletcher's private service commission."

A New York educator in a speech before the state health officers said our schoolhouses need better ventilation. Some other things in Vermont need ventilating too.

Under the caption, "Better Babies. St. Johnsbury's Woman's Club Votes to Assist in a Better Baby Contest," the St. Johnsbury Republican goes on to tell about the talk Dr. Aldrich of that place gave before the Woman's club on "eugenics."

Well, children, it's nearly time for school to begin again. You may think the school year long and the work hard, but remember this, your school days are among the happiest of your life. If the school year is long and the work difficult, life is longer and life's work more difficult.

President Willard of the B. & O., railroad comes in for a good word in one of the current magazines. Willard, by the way, is a Vermonter, as is President Chamberlain of the Grand Trunk road. Presidents of two big railroads hail from little Vermont. Can any state do better?

The Monitor is glad to note that the North and South Congregational churches of St. Johnsbury will not unite. We believe in church federation in many instances, and know several places where union has apparently worked for the advancement of church interests but in a place the size of St. Johnsbury, two strong churches uniting would, it seems to us, be a backward step.

A trip through the great summer resort section of the White or Adirondack mountains only the more convinces one that the Green Mountains of Vermont contain charms equal if not surpassing many famous places in these widely advertised sections. Accommodations such as people want and a little publicity is all that's needed.

In a speech before the merchants of Burlington, Gov. Fletcher said: "You need agitation down in Washington. Your representatives there need to be vitalized." Governor Fletcher has vitalized things here in Vermont all right and this may be a bid for undertaking the job in Washington. Mr. Fletcher summarily dropped Cushman as tax commissioner, O. L. Martin as agricultural commissioner, C. D. Watson as chairman of the public service commission and has done several things since he became governor which were out of the rut to say the least.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

"Dry" Territory in the United States.

The saloon has been expelled from one-half of the population and from two-thirds of the geographical area. In 1868 there were 3,500,000 people living in territory where the drink traffic had been outlawed; in 1900 the number had increased to 18,000,000, in 1908, or eight years after, the number had doubled to 36,000,000, and today there are 46,029,750 persons, or a fraction over one-half the population of the country, living in no-license territory. In the last five years the no-license population has increased a little over 10,000,000 and is more than 10 per cent of the nation and 30 per cent of the country. Since 1868 the population of the country has doubled, while the number of inhabitants of "dry" territory has increased over thirteenfold.—Brattleboro Reformer.

The Demand for Dairy Cattle.

Still another outside the state cattle buyer has been in the White River Valley section of Vermont and in scarcely more than a week's time paid out to its farmers in Sharon, Stratford, Royalton and Barnard more than \$4,000 for 77 head of dairy cows. The buyer was J. H. Galpin of Connecticut and it is to that state that the purchased cows were shipped. In buying, Mr. Galpin expressed a preference for the heavier milking breeds and not for the more strictly butter cows, like the Jersey and Guernsey. This was because, presumably, his cows are sold to whole milk dealers. The fact that both classes of cows are in demand here in Vermont makes all the larger the market and opportunity for the Vermont farmer, and with the continuously extending demand for whole milk this market will continue to enlarge. The whole milk dealer, who has a retail store in the larger towns and cities of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, cannot afford to raise his own cows hence he must come to Vermont or some other outside market. He prefers Vermont.—Lamark.

Back to Vermont.

Standing on the brink of the plateau in front of the Odd Fellows home last Sunday afternoon, and admiring the fine view to be had from that point, stood a stranger from the Bay State.

As he turned to be introduced it was said of him that as a boy he had lived in Brandon.

"O then," was the response, "you are one of those who thought Vermont was a good state to get away from."

"Yes," he said, "that was what I thought as a boy. But I have been glad to come back to Vermont whenever I could. It is a good state to come back to."

Speaking from the standpoint of the state's own welfare, altogether too many boys and girls have left Vermont in past years. It is possible that the state has not done her full duty toward them. It is possible that opportunities for educational and business development have been withheld when they ought to have been presented. But it is never too late to mend in a case of this kind and Vermont owes it to herself and her boys and girls to adopt and maintain such an educational and business policy as will lessen the exodus, keep the ambitious young people at home, and start many of the runaways on the back trail. Not a few of those who do get away realize in time that Vermont is a good state to come back to.—Ludlow Tribune.

How to Kill Your Town in Short Order.

Buy from peddlers as much and as often as possible.

Denounce your merchants because they make a profit on their goods.

Glory in the downfall of a man who has done much to build up your town.

Make your town out a bad place and stab it every chance you get.

Refuse to unite in any scheme for the betterment of the material interests of the people.

Tell your merchant you get goods a great deal cheaper in some other town and charge him with extortion. If a stranger comes to your town, tell him everything is overdone and predict a general crash in the near future.

Patronize outside newspapers to the exclusion of your own, and then denounce them for not being as large and as cheap as the city papers.

If you are a merchant don't advertise in the home paper, but compel the editor to go elsewhere for advertisements, and howl like a sore head because he does so. Buy a rubber stamp and use it. It may save you a few dimes, but make your letter heads look as if you were doing business in a one-horse town.

If you are a farmer, curse the place where you trade as the meanest on earth. Talk this over with your neighbors and tell them they are robbers and thieves. It will make your property much less valuable, but you don't care.—Hardware World.

A Tribute to Vermont.

Yes, old Vermont, your name is dear
We smile whenever of you we hear
For thoughts of your mountains and
lofty hills

With a feeling of gladness our heart
oft fills

Much has been said of this good old
state

By men of forgotten names.
But of all that is written in its praise
There is much to say remains.

No son of this Green mountain state
From the depths of his heart can say
That some other home is just as dear
And they're as happy away.

Oh, no, Vermont is home wherever
we go,
All hail to its peaks of snow.
And dreams so dear of it appear
As the years they come and go.

Its sons and daughters are staunch and
true
For right and freedom they stand.
Noble of blood and courage, too,
And the best of this mighty land.

So we say, "God bless you, old Ver-
mont."

Let us sing your praise for aye
For the love that glows in our hearts
for you

Will remain with us till we die.

J. A. C. Worthington, Mass.

STATE NEWS.

Treat for Vermont Bar.

The Hon. J. C. McReynolds, attorney general of the United States, will address the Vermont Bar association at its annual banquet to be held in Montpelier the evening of October 7. This is the first time an attorney-general of the United States has been a guest of the association. It is expected there will be a large attendance of Vermont lawyers.

Jennings Beats Holt.

P. H. Jennings of Bennington won the state golf championship Aug. 2, on the Rutland County club links by defeating Eliot Holt of Burlington, 10 and 9, in a 36 hole match. Jennings made the 18 holes in the morning round in 76 to Holt's 84.

Bogey for the Rutland course is 83. Jennings' score in the nine holes played in the afternoon was 39 and Holt's 40. The state golf association has voted to hold the state tournament next year on the links of the Waubesauee Golf club in Burlington.

Celebrates the 150th Anniversary of Jericho.

In commemoration of the 150th year of the charter existence of their town the people of Jericho held a celebration last week. The celebration was held on Sunday, when historical sermons were preached. On Monday the historical play, "The Rose o' Plymouth Town," was presented and on Tuesday, "Old Home Day," was celebrated. The day's program consisted of band concert, display of rural products, historical objects, addresses by President Guy Potter Benton and others. Gov. Fletcher was present.

Plants Huge Orchard.

Rutland county is to have the largest apple orchard in the state. R. R. MacRae, who recently purchased of W. H. Bartholomew "Bonnie Braes," a farm of 300 acres at Castleton Corner, has planted 125 acres of meadow land with 12,000 year-old trees, mainly McIntosh reds, greenings and northern spies. Not a tree has been lost so far. MacRae has been in the business of superintending a mercantile business at Buxton, Iowa, for B. C. Buxton of Middletown Springs. He now owns an orchard of 1,000 trees near Chicago and has had several years' experience in fruit raising in California.

State Health Officers Meet.

The health officers of the state were in session in Burlington last week. The attendance was large. Dr. Carr, president of the state board, made a most comprehensive address. He said there were only half as many deaths now from typhoid fever and diphtheria as there were 14 years ago. Tuberculosis has been cut down 35 per cent in this time he said. He believes the state board has been largely responsible for this improvement. Its educational exhibits and campaigns, vaccination and control of water supplies were given as causes for the better control of these dread diseases. He said the schools were the key to most of these diseases and urged more vigilance on the part of all.

Girl Climbed out Window and Eloped.

Announcement of the marriage by the Rev. J. E. Wright of Montpelier Aug. 22, of Miss Veda Jenks of East Pittsford, and Merrill Shewell of the same village, was the first knowledge the public had of an elopement. Friday night which had all the earmarks of the dime novel variety. Young Shewell has been in Pittsford only a few weeks and Miss Jenks' friends supposed her to be engaged to be married to Harold Shippey of Mendon. Some time after midnight Friday she left her room in the upper story of the house by a window, getting to the ground by means of a ladder raised by her suitor to connect with a piazza roof, and left with him by automobile, summoned from a Rutland garage.

Sheriff Takes Charge.

Sheriff E. C. Fish has attached the property of the Eastman Marble company for \$25,000 as result of a chancery proceeding brought by the Vermont Marble company vs. George P. Eastman and Percival P. Clement of Rutland. The Vermont concern made application to Judge F. M. Butler for a writ of sequestration against Eastman and Clement and was granted. The effect of this writ is to put the property of the defendants at West Rutland in possession of the sheriff until further order of the court. The property so held consists of 117 blocks of marble besides quarrying paraphernalia. A short time ago the Vermont Marble company obtained an injunction against Eastman and Clement to restrain them from quarrying marble north of a certain line, properties of the orator and defendants joining at West Rutland. The Vermont Marble company claims that 30,000 feet of marble was taken from their property through trespassing of the defendant.

Youth Hugs Lass and Auto Upside.

Six Vermont people were in an automobile accident at Granville, N. Y., Aug. 2. Harry Goodspeed, 17-year old son of Mrs. James Goodspeed of Pawlet, losing his life.

Goodspeed had been on a picnic to Lake St. Catherine with a party of young people. He invited Elizabeth Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Winnie Williams and Beatrice Griffith of West Pawlet and Hazel Nelson of West Rupert, girls 13 to 15 years of age, to go for a short ride. The young folks were "cutting up" considerably and when young Goodspeed placed his arm around the waist of the girl who sat beside him, one of the girls in the back seat pulled his hair slightly. This caused him to take his hands from the steering apparatus for a moment and the machine instantly ran into a ditch and was overturned. None of the girls was injured. The steering wheel was broken off and the shaft penetrated Goodspeed's right wrist. He fell in such a way that his head was pinned down by the front seat at the point where there was an electric button controlling the horn. This caused the horn to toot continuously and the noise attracted Myron F. Roberts of Granville, who came to the rescue.

Not until Mr. Roberts had summoned other help were the girls freed from their perilous positions. They said that Goodspeed had moved his arm, so that he was not instantly killed by his injuries, which included a broken neck, fractured skull and broken leg. He was known as a careless driver.

Road Test for Horses.

A novel event that will appeal strongly to horsemen will be a feature of the Vermont state fair to be held at White River Junction September 16, 17, 18 and 19. Under the auspices of the Morgan Horse club an endurance ride, open to horses of any breed, will start from Northfield on Monday, September 15, and the following route: Northfield to Waterbury, 3 miles; Waterbury to Stowe, 10 miles; Stowe to Morrisville, 10 miles; Morrisville to Greensboro Bend, 21 miles; Greensboro Bend to St. Johnsbury, 28 miles; St. Johnsbury to White River Junction, 62 miles; the whole distance, 154 miles. The ride will terminate in front of the judges' stand on the fair grounds between 11:00 and 4:00 p. m. on Wednesday, September 17. No entrance fee will be charged and the ride is open to every breed of horse. Entries should be sent to C. C. Stillman, secretary of the Morgan Horse club, 165 Broadway, New York.

A condition of the race is that the total distance traveled must not be faster than six miles an hour, including halts, nor slower than four miles an hour, including all halts. Each contestant is to leave Northfield at any hour he may elect, provided he arrives at destination within the time limit, the earliest hour for leaving Northfield, being 8:30 a. m., September 15. The result is determined by dividing the total distance by four and subtracting this result from 11 a. m. of the day set for the termination of the ride. The latest hour of leaving is 2:20 p. m. September 16, the result is to be determined the same way, using six for the divisor and subtracting result from 4:00 p. m. of the day set for the termination of the ride.

Each horse is to carry not less than 160 pounds, any kind of equipment is permissible. Arrangements will be provided for feeding and stabling the horses at Waterbury, Stowe, Morrisville, Hardwick, Greensboro Bend, St. Johnsbury, Wells River, Bradford, Thetford and the state fair grounds.

As soon as each horse arrives at the fair grounds, any judges will inspect it, noting its condition and crediting it with the necessary points. The following day at 10:00 a. m., these horses will again be inspected, and if this last inspection warrants it, the points given for condition the previous day will be changed.

The prize amount to \$175, divided into \$100 to the winning horse; \$50 to the second and \$25 to the third. In addition there will be given to each of the first 10 contestants who finish the ride a small cup suitably engraved.

PROBATE COURT.

E. L. Chandler trust estate, Barton. Trustee's annual account presented. Hearing thereon August 29 next, at Newport, 10 a. m.

S. A. Cleveland, insane, Coventry. C. C. Davis and T. S. Cummings appointed appraisers. Appraisers' inventory filed.

John Kirwin estate, Westmore. C. H. Atkins appointed administrator; W. F. Richardson and W. C. Daniels, commissioners.

John Keir estate, Craftsbury. Inventory of administratrix and commissioners' report filed. Carrie E. Keir, administratrix, settled her administration account. Degree of distribution made.

Margaret M. Allen estate, Charleston. C. E. Coruth, executor, presented his account for allowance. Hearing thereon, August 26th next, at Newport, 10 a. m.

L. B. Willey estate, Barton. Commissioners' report filed.

Phila Ann Heath estate, Derby. Administrator's inventory filed.

E. O. Thayer estate, Newport. License granted administrator to sell real estate.

Avery E. Dennison estate, Barton. Appraisers' inventory filed.

J. L. Edwards trust estate, Newport. Hon. W. S. Robbins, trustee, presented his annual account for allowance. Hearing thereon, August 25 next, at Newport.

Charles B. Ewens estate, Charleston. Commissioners' report filed.

Eleanor R. Randall estate, Glover. Commissioners' report filed.

Benjamin S. Shippey estate, Coventry. W. R. Shippey appointed administrator; A. D. Thurber and A. G. Patten, appraisers and commissioners.

Herman R. Bisbee, insane, Derby. Order for removal to Vermont state hospital at Waterbury issued.

Heloise R. Trudell estate, Derby. B. S. Curtis administrator, settled his account. Degree of distribution made.

W. Eugene Willis estate, Albany. Commissioners' report filed.

Mary L. Fuller estate, Derby. Commissioners' report filed. Executors' account presented for allowance. Hearing thereon August 26 next at Newport, 2 p. m.

Milton P. Day estate, New York, N. Y. Authenticated copy of last will and testament, probated in the Surrogate's office in the city of Newport, August 22, at the office of F. W. Baldwin in Barton, at 10 a. m.

Merton E. Woodard estate, Barton. C. A. Barrows and A. R. Robinson appointed commissioners.

Vermont Notes.

Ten thousand dollars is the value Thomas Fitzgerald of Wells puts upon the services for housework of his daughter, Lydia M. Wells of Danby, in a suit against Patrick H. Connors of Shaftsbury, whom the young woman has also sued in a hastily proceeding. The father's suit is brought in Rutland county court, Fitzgerald acting in the sense of master and servant.

The immense glue pot, made of cast iron, weighing 500 pounds, and used on the second floor of the Nelson Hall Co. mill in Montgomery, burst with a terrific explosion and shot through the roof into the air 20 feet, tearing a hole in the roof six feet square and falling back on the building with sufficient force to break a ten-inch beam. Several men were working near by, but aside from the damage to the building and the destruction of the glue pot, no damage was done.

VERMONT'S PROBLEMS

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denance must not be studied as a general condition, but as the abnormal unusual state found in special sections. The 1910 census shows that in spite of the steady gains of the rural states as a whole, thousands of townships have continued to lose population. These shrinking communities are found everywhere except in the newest portions of the West. The older the community, the earlier this tendency begins. The trouble began in New England, but it is steadily growing westward. In two states, namely Montana and Wyoming, the rural population has increased. In six states, that is, Missouri, New Hampshire, Indiana, Vermont, Iowa and Massachusetts, the rural sections suffered large losses. The great state of Iowa, the banner farming state of the West, was the only one to suffer an absolute loss in population. This deflection of population is due to several causes. Changes in agricultural method and opportunity are responsible for much of it. The rising price of land has sent speculative farmers into the new lands of the rich Canadian northwest.

Another factor in the falling birthrate, especially in New England, has been a tentative factor in diminishing rural sections and lastly, as has already been said, the lure of the cities. The decrease in population results in difficult and perplexing problems. Symptoms of rural decadence follow several distinct stages when the rural population has lost its best blood. Roads deteriorate, property depreciates, schools and churches are weakened, isolation increases and there is a strong tendency toward degeneracy and demoralization. Dr. Josiah Strong says: "If the migration continues and no more preventive measures are devised, I see no reason why isolation, irreligion, ignorance, vice and degradation should not increase in the country until we have a rural American peasantry, illiterate and immoral, possessing the rights of citizenship, but utterly incapable of performing or comprehending duties." Such reasoning as this should not make us pessimists, but it should awaken us to a realizing sense that such conditions need attention. Have we examples of rural decadence in Vermont? They are not general but I firmly believe that we have them and

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The University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

The University of Vermont and State Agricultural college is a Vermont institution and exists primarily for the purpose of educating the youth of Vermont. The colleges of arts and sciences, of medicine, of engineering, and of agriculture are all of the first grade and furnish educational facilities within the state equal to any afforded by the leading colleges of other states. Under provisions made by the general assembly the work of agricultural extension will begin this year. A new course in agricultural education for the common schools will be opened with the beginning of the college year. Under the provisions of the Juedevine fund limited loans of money may be made to students of this state pursuing their studies at the University of Vermont. Certain scholarships are also available for worthy young people. For catalogue and further information address President Guy Potter Benton, University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, Burlington, Vermont. adv.

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The Probate Office at Newport will be open for the transaction of business every day, except Sundays and holidays; but it is desirable, as far as possible, that those coming from a distance, make special appointments with the court in advance, either by phone or letter.

RUFUS W. SPEAR, Judge.